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Chairman Ron Jones  
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**Re: Petition for Approval of Master Interconnection, Collocation, and Resale Agreements between KMC Telecom III, LLC, KMC Telecom V, Inc., and KMC Data, LLC, and United Telephone – Southeast, Inc.**

Dear Chairman Jones:

On July 8, 2005 United Telephone – Southeast, Inc. (“Sprint”) and KMC Telecom III, LLC (“KMC III”) filed a *Petition for Approval of Master Interconnection, Collocation, and Resale Agreement*. The agreement was executed between the parties on June 15, 2005 with an ending date of June 14, 2007. However, KMC III and TelCove Operations, Inc. (“TelCove”) filed a Joint Petition Requesting the Approval of a Transfer of Authority of KMC III’s assets and partial customer base to TelCove. This matter was docketed by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority as Docket No. 05-00076. The Authority approved the transfer of assets and customer base from KMC III to TelCove on June 13, 2005, with an order memorializing such action issued on August 11, 2005. Therefore, in light of the fact that KMC III is no longer providing service in the state of Tennessee, and that its assets and customer base have been transferred, Sprint desires to withdraw its *Petition for Approval of the Master Interconnection, Collocation, and Resale Agreement* filed in the above-referenced docket.

Sprint would respectfully request that the Authority expedite its consideration of this matter. In addition, Sprint will re-file this agreement with TelCove, the company that is KMC III’s assignee under the contract. Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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